

PTO AGENDA
September 10, 2026
6:00 PM
HHS Room 103

In attendance:
Cristin Jones: President
Kenzie Blackwell: Secretary
8 parents

6:00 Welcome Cristin Jones, President

- Hello
- Open VP spot. Usually VP one year and then President next.
- Treasures are not present due to back to school obligations elsewhere

6:01 Principals Update Dr. John Buckey, Principal (update sent electronically)

- Fall sports are well underway.
- Schedule changes are by and large finished.
- Freshman orientation was a success, thanks in part to the generosity of the PTO.
- Our newest students are getting involved with clubs and activities.
- They are holding class elections September 15 for the class of 2030.
- Homecoming is October 17, which is the same day at the PSAT. Not ideal, but the other choice for a Homecoming date was the day of the SAT.
- There was a change to the Handbook this summer, moving from 5 non-exempt absences a term to 4. This puts us in line with the DESE definition of chronic absenteeism, which is 10% or 18 days a year. Previously, we were allowing for twenty days a year. This means that after four non-exempt absences students will lose credit at the 5th non-exempt absence. Please keep track of your attendance!
- There is a special Town Meeting in October. HHS will figure prominently in the discussion for roofs and HVAC upgrades. Help us get the word out.

Per Cristin, Katie Roberts will be here next meeting to discuss building needs.

6:02 Approve Minutes Kenzie Blackwell, Secretary

- Meeting held on 6/17/26 - Minutes circulated and available at:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mKgmA1wMQR7aVf5XdxBYDknaeRJdB9dLZJjpet9AT3Y/edit?tab=t.0>

- Approved

6:08 Treasurer's Report Caitlin Shea

- We took in \$975 in donations from 13 households.
- We wrote Dr Buckey a check for \$500 from his Principal's fund for staff t shirts.
- We paid \$80.76 for the Quickbooks subscription for July & August.
- We paid \$139.21 from the Supplies line to renew the TracPhone.
- Beautification expenses were \$180.43
- Additionally, **not included in this month's report**, we wrote 2 checks for the freshman orientation lunch totaling \$1306.41 and have \$4290 in the process of transferring from Venmo. (\$65 for a flag, \$4225 in family donations). Those transactions will be included in next month's budget report.

6:35 - 6:44 Class Reports

- 2027/Seniors - Advisor: Nicole Lytle & Abigail Carney

Parents: Erin Childs, Tamsin Garside, Cristin Jones, Amanda Joseph, Janelle Stockbridge, Amy Sweeney

(Minutes sent electronically)

- Excited for senior year! Advisors met with students last week and discussed fall happenings.
- Starting with Homecoming - We plan to do the harbor bowl again on Thursday night, and will run the concession stand all day on Saturday.
 - We're planning to sell some Hingham High Class of 2027 frosted cups at HoCo. I am not sure if a theme has been picked for dance yet but everything will be similar to last year. I have asked Jane McGrath for a little guidance on concession stand sales (chic-fil-a) and dance volunteers / food / snacks.
- We will then move onto the Hingham Holiday Fair. Advisors are planning a meeting with Lisa Laverie.
- We are still looking for a Senior Night Chair - hoping to do a senior parent / junior parent combo going forward. The senior parent would do all the planning, theme, and fundraising - the junior parent would be responsible for being present day of so that senior parents can enjoy graduation day.

- 2028/Juniors - Advisor: Maryellen Holler & Deb Johnson

Parents: Kristin Corey, Kyra Frank, Tatiana Kiernan, Joanna Varholak

- Had expressed they would like to sell red "H" flags. Cristin will check.

- 2029/Sophomores - Advisor: NEW ADVISOR-Maleka Calandra

Parents: Katty Austin, Amy Beitler, Katie Carolan-Fever, Jamee Downes, Joanna Dutra, Kelly Jones, Kate Madden, Darcy Molitor, Adrienne Sullivan

- No Report

- 2030/Freshmen - Advisor: Maryellen Holler & Deb Johnson

Parents: Michelle Grab, Laura Mullette, Vanessa Peregrine, Kirsten Preyer, Alex Nozzolillo

- Looking to staff a concession stand
- Will need to start a class Venmo. Write a check to the school at moments through the year.
- 9th grade class officers will be elected on Friday.
- Last year's seniors left a few Nike sweatshirts to sell for Homecoming.

Question: "What do class funds go towards?" Class fundraising efforts go towards proms and other class specific events. Each class has their own budget held within the office.

- Fundraising ideas:
 - Selling Merch
 - Local restaurants give portion (like Chipotle)
 - Car Washes (mindful of water ban)
 - Class events (kickball tournaments)
 - Selling dough or other foods

6:44 Committee Reports

- Hospitality: Janelle Stockbridge (present)

- Stock the breakroom happening tomorrow.
- Will need leadership for next year.
- Will be adding principal appreciation, librarian appreciation, crossing guard
- Do luncheons
- Stock the pantry twice (parent ask). Will try and reach all the lounges this year.
- Custodial lunch
- Will post more on Instagram about events and follow up
- Soup and salad in March (parent ask)
- Pizza lunch in May for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Nurse appreciation week (gift)
- Will be doing donut, cider and coffee day instead of breads
- Pies will happen right before Thanksgiving (parent ask)
- PTO will fund October event ourselves instead of asking parents for donations.
- December, holiday raffle for teachers.
- Bus driver appreciation (dunkin cards). Take them to the depot before morning routes.
- Will try and engage with the Lunch Ladies more. They are so appreciated and usually don't have time to take part in events.

Question about graduation morning snacks. Caitlin will ask about needs and who stocks it.

- Beautification: Erin Bray (sent electronically)

- Refreshed all 6 planters as well as 2 additional that have sat empty at the main entrance the week before school started. Combined with some signage to make for a festive first day back. Will do a fall theme enhancement in a month or two. Spent \$180.34

- Mini-Grants: Laura Accettella (present), Laura Mulette

- Application is on the redesigned website
- Deadline to apply is 10/14
- Does need to be approved by School Committee: will approve 11/9 and announced 11/13.
- Usual requests are classroom supplies to foreign language subscriptions.
- Adding Laura Mulette as additional mini-grant leadership.
- Will add more publicity to PTO website and socials to let families know where their money is going.
- Funds have to be spent in the fall.
- Will streamline procurement for treasurer purchases.
- Laura will draft an email to announce to teachers via PTO email address.

- Senior Night: OPEN

- Looking for leadership

- Red Carpet: Julie Hoffman

- No Report

- Social Media Chair: Erin Bray & Whitney Lloyd

- No Report

7:00 - 7:10 New Business Discussion

- School council openings- one 3 year spot.
- Will need VP
- Senior night chair
- Fall donation campaign: Derby St. gave \$350 to use a raffle for early donations.
- HHS Open House/ Back to School night
- Reimbursements will go through a Google Form this year

7:11 Meeting Adjourned